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Jeffrey R. Sampson

Serial No.: 09/358,141

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For: **Method of Producing Nucleic Acid  
Molecules with Reduced Secondary Structure**

Confirmation No.: 1170

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Zara, Jane J.

Docket No. 10990393-1 (50113-1280)

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, June 13, 2005, rejecting the following claims

The fee for this Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 1.17(b)) is \$500.00.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

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☐ The extension fee has already been filled in this application.

☒ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account 50-1078 the sum of \$500.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed *June 13, 2005* (Paper No. 20050607) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicant submitted a response within two (2) months of the mailing of the Final Office Action. Therefore, if the reply is filed within 2 months of the date of the final Office action, the shortened statutory period will expire at 3 months from the date of the final rejection or on the date the advisory action is mailed. As of the filing of the instant Notice of Appeal, Applicant has not yet received the Advisory Action. Therefore, it is believed that no extensions are necessary. In the event that the Advisory Action is mailed concurrently with the filing of the instant Notice of Appeal, and one month extension of time is due, the such extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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